Motion that the amendment to S. O. Nos. 31 and 32 may be taken up for consideration was put and carried.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran (*Government Advocate and Law Officer*).—I move that the amendment to S. Os. may be taken up and finally passed tomorrow.

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar (*Secretary to Government*).—I second it.

Motion was put and carried.

RESOLUTIONS (contd.)

7. Constitution of Model Rural Reconstruction Farms in the State (contd.)

Mr. K. Krishna Warriar (*Superintendent of Agriculture*).—From the speech delivered yesterday by the Hon'ble Member for Vytilla, in moving the resolution to constitute Model rural reconstruction Farms in suitable centres of the State, I understand that the Hon'ble Member wants the Government to start rural reconstruction centres just like the one at Marthandon and Ramanathapuram.

Government are already doing the work more or less of a similar nature through its development departments of Public Health and Panchayats, Industries, Co-operation and Agriculture.

The Public Health and Panchayat Department attend to the duties of improvement of village communications, water supply, minor irrigation works, sanitation and conservancy, maternity and child welfare.

Through the Industries department, industrial education is imparted in important subjects such as manufacture of improved coir yarn, mats and matting, bell metal works, carpentry, weaving, etc. Encouragement in bee-keeping is also given.

The Department of co operation is organising co-operative Societies such as societies of carpenters, weavers, agriculturists, etc. A special officer for organising poultry farming in villages, has also been recently appointed under this department.

Through the department of Agriculture, Government are running demonstrations in the Government Central Farm and in ryots' lands in several centres of the State. Besides, lectures

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and advice are given on the improved methods of cultivation, and animal husbandry.

Proposals for the opening of model taluk farms were once considered by the Government; but were dropped for want of funds owing to the costly nature of the scheme. Instead of taluk farms Government are conducting demonstration in ryots' lands in order to bring the improved methods of agriculture to the very door of the ryots.

It may not be possible for the Government to do anything more than this now. Times have not yet improved to launch upon such costly schemes. If any non-official agency like the Y. M. C. A. elsewhere takes up the work, Government would give all encouragement. I hope that the Member will not press the motion.

* **Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan** *(Vadakkancherri).*— Mr. President, Sir, after carefully noting what was advanced by way of argument in support of the resolution by the Hon'ble Member for Vytilla and also following the explanation of the position of the Government in this matter, given out by the Hon'ble Member for Agriculture I do not think that anything concrete or practical by way of meeting what is aimed at by the resolution has been placed before this House, either by the mover or by the spokesman of the Government. The resolution aims as was elaborated by the Hon'ble Member who moved it, at solving the distressing unemployment problem of the State. There was a passage in the Hon'ble Member's speech of yesterday wherein he stated that the technical education that is imparted by Government is sound and that the benefits thereof are not utilised by the persons who had that blessing. And he also stated that the chief difficulty in employing the benefits of such education lay in want of funds—funds evidently not coming for the persons who had the benefit of such education. Therefore the whole scheme of the proposition placed before the House according to the mover was that the Government may be pleased to open model rural re-construction centres in different parts of the State. That evidently brings us to the very important question of finding the whole of the funds necessary for such a necessary experimental institution. The question of finding funds necessary for such useful purposes being not within the easy reach of the Government, the question will have to be tackled in other ways. The question is whether Government would be prepared to come forward with a munificent amount either by way of donation or subsidy to

* Speech not corrected by the Hon'ble Member.

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helpany private individual or society that may come forward to work out the scheme of rural reconstruction. That will go a great way in helping the working of such institutions and which again will solve to some extent the distressing unemployment question. In this view of the matter, I would only request the Government that they may be pleased to apply their mind for solving this proposition that has been placed before them. With these words, I have great pleasure to support this motion.

Mr. A. Narayana Menon *(Vyttila).*— Sir, as I said yesterday, this is a subject to which we have to apply our mind. The big problem is how to stamp out unemployment. By saying that if any other agency would come forward, we shall finance it we do not solve the problem at all. I think that under the existing circumstances, the Government has to do pioneering work at least by starting a few industries in a few centres and by giving education to youngsters coming forward to study these useful subjects. We have to do something or other to bring down the number of unemployed in the State, and if we shelve the problem by saying "if private agencies come forward, we shall give it some donation", we shall not be solving the problem. At the same time, since I find some sympathy towards the objects of the resolution in the Government, I do not want to press the resolution, but at the same time I would request the Government not to wait for private agencies to come forward. During these days of financial depression, no big scheme for rural re-construction by private bodies is possible. On the other hand the States are to take them up themselves. Private agencies are also oppressed by the economic depression and they might not come forward. Government should do some pioneering work.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Pallippuram).*— What do you want the Government to do?

Mr. A. Narayana Menon *(Vyttila).*—I shall briefly state what I want once more for the edification of my Hon'ble friend the Member for Pallipuram. They should start small rural reconstruction farms say at Ollur or Vytilla and give instructions in some useful industries to youngsters. That will give them sufficient means for livelihood. You can by that means not only give them a living, but also reduce the number of the unemployed that flock to our towns. That is the object that I have in view. I am not an expert in the line. I place the idea before the Government. I am told that an expert is coming to Cochin to-morrow, one Mr. Kumarappa and I request

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the Government to consult the expert and do what they can in the matter. With these words, I beg leave of the House to withdraw the resolution.

Resolution was, by leave, withdrawn.

8. Establishment of a Tuberculosis Hospital in the State.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur Rural).*—"*This Council recommends to the Government that a Tuberculosis Hospital be established at a suitable place in the State.*"

Sir, the number of persons that die due to tuberculosis in the State is on the increase. Once a person is affected by this disease, he is doomed for ever. I am not unaware of the fact that Government is giving some assistance to the Cochinites, but only the rich can take advantage of the outside agencies to which Government gives help. It is next to impossible for the poor people to go a long way and incur the expenses there. At this time when the economic depression is very heavy and when people find it difficult to make both ends meet the poor cannot expect outside agencies to help them. Government now will only give out the idea whether they think of having a hospital so that the graduates may come forward offering to get themselves qualified for the post by the time Government may have some funds to start such an institution. I give out this idea so that they may not disagree with the proposition for want of funds. Therefore, I have great pleasure in proposing that "this Council recommends to the Government that a Tuberculosis Hospital be established at a suitable place in the State.'

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder *(Jews Special).*—Is the climate of our State suitable for a Tuberculosis hospital?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao *(Chief Medical Officer).*— No.

Mr. A. R. Menon *(Pallipuram).*—With your leave, Sir, I beg to propose an amendment to the resolution. The words "in the State" towards the end of the resolution may be removed.

Amendment was accepted.

***Dr. A. R. Menon** *(Pallippuram).*—Sir, I have great pleasure in seconding this resolution. There is no other disease that takes a higher toll than this fell disease, tuberculosis. The

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